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The Minneapolis Foundation Names New Board Chair, Trustees, and Director of Grantmaking and Special Projects

MINNEAPOLIS, July 7, 2009 – The Minneapolis Foundation recently named Mark Chronister as its new Board Chair and appointed Jan Conlin, Robert Fullerton, Lowell Stortz and Jane Wyatt to its Board of Trustees. Jo-Anne Stately has been hired as the Foundation's Director of Grantmaking and Special Projects.

Incoming chair **Mark Chronister** has served on the Foundation's Board of Trustees since 2004. Mr. Chronister retired as an audit partner in the Minneapolis office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (PWC) where he worked for 34 years. Mr. Chronister is very active in numerous boards including the College of St. Catherine, the Minnesota Private College Council, the Science Museum of Minnesota and KIPP Minnesota. In addition, he has served on the boards of the Minnesota Business Partnership, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, the Academy of Holy Angels High School, the Minneapolis Downtown Council, and St. Bonaventure Catholic Church.

Jan Conlin is a partner at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi. Known for her experience in patent disputes, Ms. Conlin has amassed an impressive record of results in the courtroom for her national clients. In addition to her trial work, Ms. Conlin serves on the board of directors for: Catholic Charities, Minnesota Orchestral Association, University of St. Thomas Law School, Advocates for Human Rights, and Women's Advisory Council. She is the current chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Civil Litigation Section Governing Council and serves on the board of visitors for the University of Minnesota Law School. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of St. Thomas with a B.A. in Political Science and received her J.D. graduating *cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Robert Fullerton is the founder and a principal of Blue Rock Advisors, Inc., a Wayzata-based fund of funds with assets of \$1 billion under management. Mr. Fullerton started his investment career in 1983 with John G. Kinnard & Company. He is active on the boards and is an advisor to Fullerton Companies and E. R. Wagner Manufacturing, two closely-held, fourth-generation family businesses. Mr. Fullerton is also a member of Vistage, a CEO organization and an officer of the Blue Rock Charitable Fund. He has a B.A. in history from Merrimack College and attended the Wharton School's Executive Program on Financial Management.

Lowell Stortz is currently president of Leonard, Street and Deinard, P.A., a 185-attorney law firm headquartered in Minneapolis. Mr. Stortz is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a member of the Hennepin County, Minnesota, and American Bar Associations. He has been an adjunct professor at many universities in the Twin Cities. He holds a B.A. in Government from Augustana and a J.D. from the University of Iowa, College of Law. Mr. Stortz also serves on the board of trustees at

Augustana College and the Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation. He has chaired the Planned Giving Committee of the Lyngblomsten Foundation and served as council president of Normandale Lutheran Church. Mr. Stortz has provided legal service to Minnesota Aids Project, Our Savior's Homeless Shelter, Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh and other organizations.

Jane Wyatt is principal and co-founder of NorthShore Advisors, LLC, an Institutional Fixed Income Asset Management Firm. She has more than 30 years of investment and risk management experience. Prior to founding the firm, Ms. Wyatt served as chief investment officer for Voyageur Asset Management, in addition to a variety of risk management positions at Cargill. She received her B.A. in economics and English from Smith College and is a chartered financial analyst. She is a member of the CFA Institute and the Twin Cities Society of Security Analysts. Ms. Wyatt currently serves on the board of trustees for Catholic Finance Corporation, and is Investment Committee member of the WCA Foundation and the Jeremiah Program.

Jo-Anne Stately has been hired as the Foundation's Director of Grantmaking and Special Projects. Her primary responsibilities will be to manage the unrestricted grantmaking at the Foundation and to provide oversight for special projects as a member of the Community Philanthropy department. Ms. Stately most recently served as the vice president of Development, Indian Land Tenure Foundation (2003 - 2009); senior program officer, The Saint Paul Foundation (1997 - 2005) and director of The Children, Families and Community Initiative of the F. R. Bigelow Foundation (1995 - 1997). Prior to 1997, Ms. Stately held a number of senior level positions with the Indian Affairs Council and the Indian Health Board. She serves on a number of boards including The Minnesota Council on Foundations, The Minnesota Humanities Center and the Circle Newspaper.

Established in 1915, The Minneapolis Foundation is one of the oldest community foundations in the nation. It was created to help individuals accomplish their charitable goals and to address the needs of the community, especially people who are disadvantaged. The Minneapolis Foundation manages nearly \$500 million in assets and administers more than 1,000 charitable funds created by individuals, families and businesses in Minnesota. In accordance with donors' wishes, the Foundation distributes more than \$30 million in grants each year, and through an endowment distributes an additional \$6 million in grants annually to serve community needs. In addition, The Minneapolis Foundation works with other community leaders to improve the quality of life in our region and serve as a catalyst for discussion and action on critical issues.

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